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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR ANAN'S INTERVIEW WITH DANA SCHMIDT (CSM)

1. THE EAST ASIA WIRELESS FILE OF 6 FEBRUARY 1975 CONTAINS EITHER AN EXCERPT OR THE TEXT OF AN ARTICLE IN THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR BASED ON AN INTERVIEW BETWEEN AMBASSADOR ANAN PANYARACHUN AND CSM CORRESPONDENT DANA SCHMIDT. ACCORDING TO THE WIRELESS FILE, THE INTERVIEW COVERED U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE AND ALSO THAI RELATIONS WITH BOTH NORTH KOREA AND CHINA.

2. THE ARTICLE PARAPHRASED ANAN'S REMARKS ON THE U.S. PRESENCE, BUT IMPLIED THAT ANAN HAD FAVORED OUR WITHDRAWAL. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT ASCERTAINING EXACTLY WHAT ANAN SAID TO SCHMIT REGARDING THE U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE. IF IT APPEARS THAT HIS STATEMENT WAS GREATLY AT VARIANCE WITH THE POSITION OF THE RTG IN BANGKOK, WE WOULD PLAN TO MAKE APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES AT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

3. REGARDING THAI RELATIONS WITH THE NORTH KOREANS AND THE PRC, WE FIND THE ACTUAL QUOTE LESS SURPRISING THAT THE HEADLINE OVER THE ARTICLE. THAT THE NORTH KOREANS ASKED THE THAI TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS IS NO SECRET. ANAN'S STATEMENT THAT "....IT WILL BE
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UP TO THE NEW THAI GOVERNMENT...TO MAKE THAT POLITICAL DECISION"

FALLS FAR SHORT OF INDICATING WHICH WAY THE DECISION IS LIKELY
TO GO, AND IS THEREFORE NOT AT VARIANCE WITH INFORMATION WE HAVE
ALREADY OBTAINED HERE IN BANGKOK.
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